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15. The method of claim 7 further comprising a step of locating the position of the vascular tissue site by detecting the contrasting agent.

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16. The method for performing a biopsy comprising the steps of:
removing tissue from a vascular site; and
positioning a pledget of absorbable sponge material substantially at the vascular site wherein the absorbable sponge material includes a contrast agent preloaded therein prior to delivery.

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17. The method of claim 16 wherein the contrasting agent is water insoluble.

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18. The method of claim 17 wherein the contrasting agent is selected from the group consisting of tantalum, tantalum oxide, barium sulfate, gold, tungsten, and platinum and mixtures thereof.

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19. The method of claim 16 wherein the contrasting agent is water soluble.

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20. The method of claim 19 wherein the contrasting agent is selected from the group consisting of metrizamide, iopamidol, iothalamate sodium, iodamide sodium, and meglumine and mixtures thereof.

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21. The method of claim 16 wherein the contrasting agent is substantially dispersed throughout the absorbable sponge material.

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22. The method of marking a biopsy site comprising the steps of:
providing an absorbable sponge material containing a contrast agent;
placing the sponge material containing the contrast agent into a delivery device;
performing a biopsy procedure at a biopsy site; and

delivering the sponge material containing contrast agent to the biopsy site to mark the biopsy site.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein the contrasting agent is water insoluble.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein the contrasting agent is selected from the group consisting of tantalum, tantalum oxide, barium sulfate, gold, tungsten, and platinum and mixtures thereof.

25. The method of claim 22 wherein the contrasting agent is water soluble.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein the contrasting agent is selected from the group consisting of metrizamide, iopamidol, iothalamate sodium, iodamide sodium, and meglumine and mixtures thereof.

27. The method of claim 22 wherein the contrasting agent is substantially dispersed throughout the absorbable sponge material.

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